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SUBJECT: DAVID ROCKEFELLER VISIT

1. CHASE MANHATTAN BANK PRESIDENT DAVID ROCKEFELLER ARRIVED IN PRAGUE JUNE 4 TO A VERY CORDIAL RECEPTION. AFTER A LUNCH HOSTED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ROHLICEK, HE WAS TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK AND PRESIDENT/GENERAL SECRETARY HUSAK DURING THE AFTERNOON. JUNE 5 HE FLIES TO BRATISLAVA WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH SLOVAK PRIME MINISTER COLOTKA, THEN ON TO EAST BERLIN. THE FACT THAT ROCKEFELLER IS BEING RECEIVED BY HUSAK (DURING A VERY BUSY PERIOD FOR HIM FOLLOWING HIS SWEARING-IN AS PRESIDENT), AND THE GREAT INTEREST SHOWN BY OFFICIAL CZECHOSLOVAKS IN THE VISIT, SHOW THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA DOES NOT WANT TO FALL BEHIND THE OTHER EE COUNTRIES IN BEING NICE TO MR. ROCKEFELLER.

2. AT THE AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONY, ROCKEFELLER

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SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH JOURNALISTS, RECALLING THAT HE

WAS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEFORE THE WAR AS A STUDENT, AND AGAIN IN 1945 AS A CAPTAIN IN THE US ARMY (A MOST WELCOME REFERENCE--WHICH CAME UP AGAIN AT THE LUNCHEON-- TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO UPHOLD THE US ROLE IN BOHEMIA IN 1945). HE SAID HE HAD NO SPECIFIC AIMS FOR THIS VISIT, BUT WISHED TO TALK GENERALLY AND TO COMPLETE HIS ROUND OF VISITS TO ALL THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

3. ROHLICEK'S LUNCHEON AT THE HRZANSKY PALACE INCLUDED FINANCE MINISTER LER, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION JANZA, HEAD OF THE STATE BANK POTAC, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL, HEAD OF MFA SIXTH DEPT ZANTOVSKY, AND CHARGE, AND OTHERS. IT WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL, WITH BOTH ROHLICEK AND RECKEFELLER EMPHASIZING IN THEIR TOAST AND OTHER REMARKS THEIR DESIRE, DESPITE CERTAIN SETBACKS (SPECIFICALLY THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT), TO SEE BETTER RELATIONS AND MORE COMMERCE BILATERALLY. DURING THE LUNCH ROCKEFELLER TOLD THE CZECHOSLOVAKS ABOUT HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW, INCLUDING THE DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE AND ITS EMPHASIS ON GETTING AROUND THE JACKSON AMENDMENT SETBACK, AND SAID THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO FIND KOSYGIN STRESSING ALSO THE NEED FOR CONTINUING TO PRESS FORWARD, DESPITE SETBACKS, IN BETTERING US-USSR RELATIONS.

4. ALTHOUGH ROCKEFELLER SAID HE HOPED TO COME BY THE EMBASSY, HIS SCHEDULE IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WILL NOT PERMIT IT, SO WE WILL PROBABLY NOT FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT THE MEETING WITH HUSAK AND THE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THE VISIT. (THE CHASE MANHATTAN VIENNA REP, JUDAR, PLANS TO RETURN IN TWO WEEKS OR SO AND WILL FILL US IN SOMEWHAT THEN; IN THE MEANWHILE HE MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY VIENNA.) WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR OTHER ADDRESSEES OBTAIN ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS OF ROCKEFELLER VISIT HERE AND PARTICULARLY ABOUT WHAT HUSAK HAD TO SAY.
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